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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION REQUEST
TRANSMITTAL LETTER (37 C.F.R. 1.53(d))**

Prior application: **08/977,374**
Inventors: **Bakker, et al.**
Examiner: **W. Watkins III**
Art Unit: **1772**
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- ☒ Applicants claim small entity status.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.
- ☒ Priority of pending of pending prior application **U.S. Serial No. 08/977,374, filed August 19, 1996** (still pending), which is a continuation of **U.S. Serial No. 08/089,462 filed July 12, 1993** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,511,360), which is a continuation of **U.S. Serial No. 07,873,844 filed April 27, 1992** (now U.S. Patent No. 5,249,410).
- ☒ Applicants respectfully request consideration of the arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief filed August 21, 2000, Supplemental Appeal Brief filed May 10, 2000, and Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.193 filed April 7, 2000.
- ☒ Applicants respectfully request a personal interview with the Examiner prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits.
- ☒ The associate power of attorney in the prior application is to Thomas E. Kocovsky, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,383) and Brian G. Bembenick (Reg. No. 41,463), both of Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich and McKee, LLP. A copy of the associate power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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